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EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Dallas

B.S. in Computer Science (Academic Excellence Scholar & Honors Computing Scholar)

GPA: 3.92

Relevant Courses - Data Structures, C++ in Unix Environment, Computer Architecture, Discrete Math, Linear Algebra

EXPERIENCE

SpaceX, Flight Software Intern – *Hawthorne, CA*

June 2021 – August 2021

Expected Graduation: May 2023

- Part of Software Delivery and Engineering Team.
- Building a **Fullstack** internal tool from ground-up using **React** and **Python**.
- Working on flight software code for current SpaceX missions.

RealPage, Software Development Intern - Dallas, TX

February 2021 - April 2021

- Building SaaS leasing dashboard application/REST API using Spring (Java) and PostgreSQL.
- Using Swift and Angular.js to create frontend interface for leasing dashboard app, used by over 200 clients.
- Automated developments to production servers through CI/CD pipelines in Azure DevOps using Ansible.
- Attended daily sprint standups and presented insights into potential optimizations and work timelines.

First Tech Challenge Robotics, Captain / Lead Programmer – Team #11419, #12977 Plano, TX August 2016 –May 202

- Created embedded software with Java for autonomous/driver-controlled robots, incorporating sensor data, encoders, motors/servos, and odometry.
- Used **OpenCV** computer vision software with **TensorFlow** for object-recognition on the robot's camera.
- Led team presentations of robot, conducted outreach with company sponsors, and managed \$2000 budget.
- Implemented **Scrum** systems for team planning and won multiple competitions and prestigious Inspire Award.

PROJECTS & RESEARCH

UTD Voltron Autonomous Vehicle Research – Dallas, TX

February 2021 - Present

- Researching under Dr. Justin Ruths to develop more efficient autonomous vehicles.
- Adding Nvidia GPU, LIDAR, camera to an electric golf cart to enable self-driving capabilities.
- Programming with Robot OS, Luna data processing, and Autoware Auto inside a Docker container on Linux OS.

GrassrootsGov - Dallas, TX

October 2020 - Present

- Building React.js website for GrassrootsGov, with user accounts, searching, and social networking systems.
- Implemented data-fetching from real-time Firebase DB and other APIs in a Node.js backend.
- Mocked up site UI with Figma, used CSS libraries like Tailwind.css to add UI to React frontend.

COVID-19 Web Contact Tracer – *Plano, TX*

March 2020 - June 2020

- Created JS/HTML/CSS frontend to let users check if they have been in contact with another user who reported positive for COVID-19.
- Backend built with **Django** and **Python** to set up **user authentication** and compare users' location histories with GPS data saved in **Firebase**.

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Languages: Java, Python, JavaScript, C++, C#, HTML/CSS

Frameworks/Tools: Spring Boot, Git, Node.js, React.js, Angular.js, OpenCV, REST APIs, Unreal Engine, Unity

Databases: Google Firebase, SQL, MongoDB

Interests: Web Development (Fullstack), Machine Learning, AI, Robotics, Embedded Programming

ACTIVITIES & AWARDS

YoungBytes, CEO/Co-founder

June 2019 - December 2020

• Managed virtual tutoring organization, raised \$400 for COVID-19 donation.

Artificial Intelligence Society UTD, Developer

August 2020 – Present

• Built a convolutional neural network to classify objects inside of images of trash.

Comet Solar Racing UTD, Software Engineer

August 2020 - Present

• Creating low-level software with ADA/MISRA-C for solar-powered vehicle.

Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) UTD, Member

August 2020 – Present

Awards: AP Scholar with Distinction, FTC Robotics Inspire & Innovate Award, EarthX Hack 2019 3rd Place, Academic Excellence Scholar (Full-ride scholarship to University of Texas - Dallas)